worth rupees five crores has accumulated?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): Some of the mills in Madhya Pradesh are running at a loss. The total stocks of cloth with these mills is about 45,000 bales which is made up, of 28,000 bales of cloth remaining unsold with the mills and 17,000 bales sold but not delivered. The mills in Madhya Pradesh mostly manufacture coarse and medium cloth and at the rate of annas eleven per yard the total value of both sold and unsold stocks of cloth comes to roughly Rs. 4.5 crores.

Cloth and Yarn Production

1113. Shri Eiswanath Roy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether the production of cloth and yarn has increased in the first year of the Second Five Year Plan as compared to the year-wise production of the First Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): Yes, Sir. The production of cloth and yarn from 1950 onwards has shown a progressive increase. A statement showing the production of cloth and yarn from 1950 to 1956 is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 23].

Sales Emporia

1114. \int Shri Subbiah Ambalam: Shri Thanu Pallai:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) where and when sales emporia in big cities have been opened for marketing handloom fabrics in India; and
- (b) the progress of the sales in each of them during the year 1958-57?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The reference to big cities is not quite clear. However, as on the 31st March, 1957, a total of

- 1418 handloom sales depots had been opened in various parts of the country including cities.
- (b) The information in respect of each of these depots is not readily available.

Labour and Employment Schemes

1115. Shri E. M. Rao: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) at what stage is the implementation of the various schemes that have been formulated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment under the Second Five-Year Plan; and
- (b) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of these schemes?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). Progress of the various Schemes that have been formulated by the Ministry of Labour & Employment under the Second Five-Year Plan is given below:—

- 1. Barrier Survey in Coal Mines.—Steps are being taken to obtain the required equipments from abroad and to recruit the required staff.
- 2. Inclusion of families of insured persons for medical care under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme.—Government have approved the scheme. It is expected that families of the insured workers will be covered by the end of 1957-58.
- 3. Extension of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme to further areas.—About 11 lakhs out of about 20 lakhs insurable persons have so far been covered. The remaining workers are proposed to be covered during the period of the plan.
- 4. Scheme for the training of Welfare Personnel.—The financial and other details of the scheme are being finalised.
- 5. and 6. Census of occupational wages in the manufacturing industries and Investigations into the working

conditions of Industrial Labour.-Technical scrutiny of the schemes has been completed. A time table for implementation and the financial and other details of the schemes are being worked out.

- 7. Fresh Family Budget Enquiries .-Technical details of the scheme have been settled with the State Governments. First phase of the enquiry will be undertaken shortly.
- 8. Productivity Indices Scheme .--The work of compilation of interim series of the indices will soon be taken up.
- 9. Agricultural Labour The enquiry has been in progress since 20th August, 1956.
- Labour Institute.-10. Central Fresh site for the construction of building for the institute has been selected. The construction work is expected to start by October, 1957.
- 11. Regional Museums -The lands for the Museums to be set up at Calcutta, Coimbatore and Kanpur are being acquired.
- 12. Workers' Education Scheme and Scheme for training in Trade Union Philosophy and Methods.—As the first step in the scheme a programme for teacher-administrators training commence at Bombay expected to from 1st January, 1958.
- 13. Extension of the coverage Employment Service.-28 new Employment Exchanges were sanctioned during 1956-57 and 28 more Exchanges have been sanctioned so far during 1957-58 against a target of 125 Employment Exchanges for 1956-61.
- 14. Collection of Employment Market Information -A pilot scheme was launched in Delhi during 1956-57. It is proposed to extend the scheme to other States in the country. 15 officers from various States have been trained at New Delhi.

- 15. Youth Employment Service and Employment Counselling of Adults .--Three units under the scheme have been sanctioned so far in 1957-58.
- 16. Occupational Research and Analysis including preparation of Career Pamphlets and Handbook on Training Facilities.—Occupational Informating Units have been set up in nine States country during 1956-57. 26 career pamphlets in English and 8 in Hindi have so far been printed. A Handbook on Training Facilities has also been published.
- 17. Oral Trade Testing at Exchanges.-"Occupational Specifications and Interview Aids" in respect of Automobile Mechanics has been prepared.
- 18. Craftsmen Training Scheme. Sanction has been accorded for 6.500 seats which includes the opening of 19 new Institutes in various States.
- 19. Pre-Employment in Plant Training (Apprenticeship) Scheme.-It is proposed to start with 1,325 seats this year. The preliminary arrangements to constitute Apprenticeship Committees and arrange facilities with the Industries are being made by the State Governments.
- 20. Post-Employment Training (Evening Classes) Scheme for Industrial workers.--It is proposed to make a start with 1,300 seats this year reaching a target of 3,050 seats at the end of the plan period
- 21 Training of Instructors.—The existing Central Training Institute for instructors at Koni is to be re-organised and a new Central Training Institute is proposed to be set up at Audh temporarily with 144 seats from 1st November, 1957.
- 22. Establishment .for Work Orientation Centres for Educated Unemployed .- To start with, 3 Centres, one each in Kerala, Delhi and West Bengal have been approved on an experimental basis. While the Centres in Kerala and Delhi are already

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functioning, the Centre in West Bengal is expected to start in October, 1957.

- 23. Miscellaneous schemes viz, Training of Officers and Hobby Training Schemes.—No progress.
- 24. Tripartite Consultative Machinery.—Steps are being taken to set up industrial committees for selected industries in addition to those already in existence

Slum Clearance in Andhra

1116. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

- (a) the amounts sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh for slum clearance during 1956-57 and 1957-58; and
 - (b) the amounts asked for?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil Chanda): (a) and (b). No specific amount was allocated to State Governments in 1956-57 and the Andhra Pradesh Government did not send any scheme for sanction. For 1957-58, a sum of Rs. 6:75 lakhs has been allocated to the Andhra Pradesh Government as the Central Government's share of financial assistance. The Andhra Pradesh Government has sent seven slum clearance projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 34:08 lakhs of which two projects costing Rs. 1350 lakhs have been sanctioned.

Mica Mine Workers' Union, Andhra Pradesh

1117. Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Mica Mine Workers' Union, Gudur, have submitted a memorandum to Government regarding the non-implementation of the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, Industrial Disputes Act, The Mines Act etc. in the Mica Mines of the State; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken on the memorandum?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Miskra):
(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Tea

1118. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that export of tea to the U.S.A. is falling and India is losing the market rapidly giving place to Ceylon, Indonesia and Formosa?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): Imports of Indian tea into U.S.A. were lower in 1956 than in 1954 and 1955. Total imports of that country were also lower in 1956 as compared with those years. The position in 1957 cannot be anticipated at this stage.

Labour Co-operatives

1119. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to encourage Labour Co-operatives for securing contract work in Central Government undertakings; and
- (b) the number of such labour cooperatives started in 1956-57?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra):
(a) and (b). The information in respect of Central Government undertakings is being collected and will be laid on the table of Lok Sabha in due course.

Hides and Skins Industry

1120. Shri N. R. Munisamy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing financial assistance given to various State Governments for their small scale industry schemes relating to Hides and Strains